

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A blow molded article obtained by a direct-blow molding process and including a bottom ~~portion (4), portion,~~ a cylindrical body portion (3) arranged above the bottom ~~portion (4), portion,~~ and a cylindrical mouth portion (2) arranged above the body ~~portion (3), portion,~~

wherein said molded article includes at least three pinch-off lines (7) caused by mold-pieces (15) of a split bottom-mold, in a diverging manner from a center of a bottom face (5) at said bottom ~~portion (4), portion,~~ and

wherein said pinch-off lines are formed within a circle which is concentric with said bottom face and which has a diameter equal to or less than  $\pi D_p/n$ , wherein  $\pi$  represents a circular constant,  $D_p$  represents an outer diameter of a parison, and  $n$  represents the number of the pinch-off lines.

2. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 1, wherein said pinch-off lines (7) are arranged at substantially equal central angles.

3. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 2, wherein said pinch-off lines (7) comprise four pinch-off lines arranged in a crossed shape.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The blow molded article according to claim 1 wherein said blow molded article is molded into a container by biaxial-stretching blow molding.

6. (Previously Presented) The blow molded article according to claim 1 wherein said blow molded article has a wall in a laminated structure.

7. (Original) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, a layer using a polyethylene terephthalate-based resin, and a layer using a polyethylene naphthalate-based resin.

8. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, an outer layer ~~(1a)~~ and an inner layer ~~(1e)~~ both using a polyethylene terephthalate-based resin, and an intermediate layer ~~(1b)~~ using a gas-barrier resin.

9. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, an outer layer ~~(1a)~~ using polyethylene or polypropylene, and an inner layer ~~(1e)~~ using ethylene-vinylalcohol copolymer or polyethylene terephthalate-based resin.

10. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, an outer layer ~~(1a)~~ using polyethylene or polypropylene, an intermediate layer ~~(1b)~~ using a gas-barrier resin, and an inner layer ~~(1e)~~ using polyethylene or polypropylene.

11. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, an outer layer ~~(1a)~~ and an inner layer ~~(1e)~~ both using a virgin resin material, and an intermediate layer ~~(1b)~~ using a reclaimed resin material.

12. (Currently Amended) The blow molded article according to claim 6, wherein said laminated structure is constituted to include, at least, an outer ~~layer (1a), layer~~, and an inner layer ~~(1e)~~ formed of a synthetic resin having a ~~lower~~ low compatibility with a synthetic resin forming said outer ~~layer (1a), layer~~.